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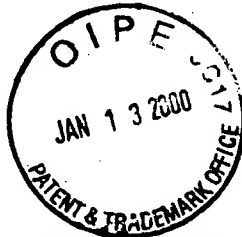
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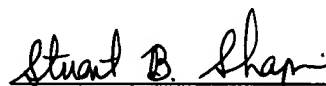
Sir:

Pursuant to the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to disclose information which may be material to patentability of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Information Disclosure Citation Form. Copies of the documents listed thereon are enclosed herewith.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the above-identified application and/or prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, no fee is required in connection with its filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required for the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-0460.

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